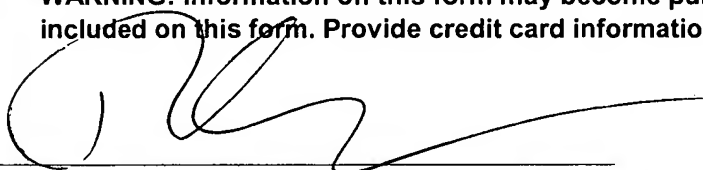
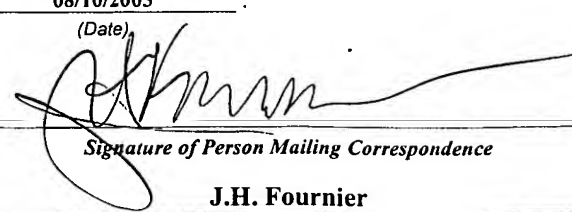
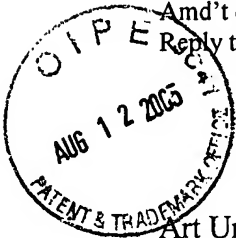


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Dear Sir:

In response to the office action mailed May 11, 2005, please amend the patent application as set forth the below.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.